## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

State of Alaska

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Attachment 4.14-B

## UTILIZATION CONTROL PROCEDURES

Utilization control is primarily facility-based review in accordance with 45 CFR 250.18. The state agency makes a detailed annual appraisal of each facility-based utilization control committee. Included are scrutiny of meeting minutes, patient records, discharge planning and other essential records. The state agency review includes recommendations for improvement of the facility-based utilization control committee plus any follow-up action necessary to insure full compliance.

The state agency review team consists of a medical social worker and a registered nurse employed directly by the Division of Medical Assistance. A contract physician is employed for consultation when indicated.

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